



2009 SENATE BILL 374

October 29, 2009 – Introduced by Senators GROTHMAN, KEDZIE, OLSEN, DARLING and LASSA, cosponsored by Representatives STRACHOTA, SUDER, MURSAU, VOS, TOWNSEND, GUNDERSON, LEMAHIEU, KNODL, FRISKE, A. OTT, LOTHIAN, BROOKS and BIES. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 343.055 (1) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** creating a
2 commercial driver license exception for law enforcement officers operating
3 commercial motor vehicles.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with limited exceptions, no person may operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) unless the person holds a commercial driver license (CDL). Exceptions allow fire fighters, rescue squad members, and farmers who hold valid operators' licenses other than CDLs to operate CMVs under specified circumstances. Federal law generally requires operators of CMVs to hold CDLs, but provides for certain exceptions. State law provides that the exceptions under state law apply to the extent permitted under federal law.

This bill creates an exception to the CDL licensing requirement for law enforcement officers who operate CMVs that are authorized emergency vehicles that are necessary to the preservation of life or property or the execution of emergency governmental functions and that are equipped with warning lamps and a siren.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 343.055 (1) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

